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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD ARELLANO

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TAGS: MASS, MX, US
SUBJECT: MEXICO DENIES MAKING REQUEST FOR F-5'S

REF: STATE 018347

1. MEXICO CITY PRESS REPORTS FEBRUARY 1 THAT GOM OFFICIAL SOURCES HAVE MADE STATEMENT THROUGH INFORMATION OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY CATEGORICALLY DENYING VERSION PUBLISHED BY "FOREIGN PRESS AGENCY" (REFERENCE IS OBVIOUSLY TO WASHINGTON POST STORY) THAT MEXICO HAS MADE A FORMAL REQUEST TO U.S. FOR F-5 FIGHTER PLANES. ACCORDING TO PRESS STORIES, GOM OFFICIAL STATEMENT QUOTES MEXICAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER HECTOR BERTHIER AGUILUZ AS STATING THAT: "THE MEXICAN AIR FORCE DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE AMONG ITS PLANS THE ACQUISITION OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT. CERTAINLY LAST YEAR WE WERE REQUESTING PRICE LISTS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES FOR TYPES OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT WITH THE OBJECT OF COMPARING PRICES. TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN PLAN DM-III E, WHICH

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CONSISTS OF AIDING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN CASES OF DISASTER, AND THIS REQUIRES TRANSPORTING GREAT QUANTITIES OF CARGO--LIKE MEDICINES, BLANKETS, FOODSTUFFS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS--OVER GREAT DISTANCES. THESE ARE THE TYPES OF AIRCRAFT THAT WE NEED."

2. JUXTAPOSED WITH OFFICIAL DENIAL OF MEXICAN REQUEST IS

PRESS REPORT OF STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING
CARTER CONFIRMING THAT MEXICO HAD PRESENTED FORMAL REQUEST
TO THE U.S. FOR THE PURCHASE OF 26 F-5 COMBAT AIRCRAFT.

"WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT FOR THE MOMENT RE-
GARDING THESE REQUESTS (FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO AND
GUATEMALA) EXCEPT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED," CARTER
IS QUOTED AS SAYING.

3. IN LIGHT OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS REGARDING A
FORMAL MEXICAN REQUEST FOR F-5 AIRCRAFT, I WILL DELAY
RESPONDING TO STATE 018347 UNTIL I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY
TO REVIEW MATTER FURTHER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO SAID
THAT HE UNAWARE OF GOM REQUEST. LUCEY

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